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Comments:

I believe we must have some sort of public disclosure law wherein which, when someone requests information on public projects using tax dollars, that citizen can get ALL their questions answered without going broke. In 1997, when Armen Yousoufian, a hotelier who owned a hotel on N.E. 45th street in Seattle, began his quest to get full disclosure from King County Executive Ron Sims about the proposed football stadium (now known as Qwest field), he was put off. That led to court cases and attorney fees of a magnitude such that this man ended up losing his business - all because he wanted to know about a public project that he and many other businesspeople had doubts about. We need to have a law to ensure that what happened to Mr. Yousoufian never happens to anyone else. He did win his case in court; but he lost his livelihood and the community lost a great hotel.

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